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**MAYOR TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 2013 CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY AWARDS**

*Deadline for applications is October 5, 2012*

INDIANAPOLIS – The Office of Mayor Greg Ballard is accepting applications for the 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual Mayor's Celebration of Diversity Awards (MCOD). The awards will be presented to businesses and organizations throughout Marion County that embrace, celebrate, and apply holistic inclusion and participation of a diverse people, making the workplace a better environment in which to work and the community a better place in which to live, work and raise a family.

Recognition will be given for outstanding performance, in one or all of the following four categories:

- **Community Relations:** Activities that encourage and support diversity in the community;
- **Development:** Opportunities for diversity strategies within the organization;
- **Leadership:** Vision develops and supports diversity strategies throughout the organization;
- **Workforce Diversity:** Diversity representation in the workplace

Also, the top award given is the special Sam H. Jones Award, named in honor of the first president of the Indianapolis Urban League, who was a tireless advocate for peace, justice and racial understanding. The Sam H. Jones Award recognizes the "Best of the Best," a business or organization with exemplary performance in all four award categories.

Nomination forms are available online at: [www.indy.gov/MCOD](http://www.indy.gov/MCOD) or by calling (317) 327-5206. Nominations may be submitted online or postmarked by **Friday, October 5, 2012, at 4 P.M.**

The 2013 MCOD Award winners will be honored and recognized at this year's 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Diversity Awards Luncheon that will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at the JW Marriott.

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